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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Schoenefeld airfield from 28 March through 23 April 1953:

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Military aircraft observed at the field included 3 to 5 Li-2s, on hardstand No 36a; 4 or 5 Li-2s and 3 biplanes, on hardstand No 35; 25 Li-2s on the north side of the installation. About five Li-2s daily took off for routine flights. Other air activity by Li-2s included:

1 April. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., three Li-2s practiced formation flying.

2 April. Formation flying in groups of three was practiced from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

6 and 7 April. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., take-offs and landings were practiced in cloudy weather with good visibility.

11 April. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., four Li-2s made local training flights.

Biplanes also made occasional training flights. 1

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2. The large biplanes observed at the field in December 1952 were about double the size as the Po-2s. They were fitted with radial engines. The lower wing was by about one third shorter than the upper wing. Seen from the side, the tube-like struts between the wings formed a V. The biplanes were fitted with a 2-seat closed plexiglass cabin. 2
3. Parachutes from white silk were used for the parachute jumps practiced in March 1953. No hole was seen in the cap of the parachute. No pilot parachutes were seen either.

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4. 11 construction workers were employed at the Schoenefeld airfield at 30 March.

5. Air activity observed at the field from 10 through 27 April included:

10 April. About 5 p.m., about 10 twin-engine planes took off from the field without returning. Subsequently, some individual take-offs and local training flights were made. Biplanes practiced flying from 6 p.m. to midnight.

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- 25X1 11 April. Between 4 and 6 p.m. [redacted] 24 twin-engine planes and
four biplanes at the field. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted] Not all of the
planes at the field were marked by the red and yellow code of arms on a red
back-ground, which was previously seen painted on the noses of aircraft. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted]
five or six 15-minute flights were made.
- 15 April. Two biplanes practiced night flying after 8 p.m.
- 16 April. There was night flying by biplanes.
- 25X1 24 April. [redacted] 25 or 26 twin-engine planes, 3 biplanes and 1 high-wing
monoplane at the field. There was flying in the night of 24 - 25 April.
- 25X1 25 April. [redacted] Li-2s parked in,
the northwestern corner of the field.
- 25X1 27 April. From noon to 1 p.m., there was light flying by twin-engine planes,
[redacted] 1
- 25X1 6. [redacted]
7. Between 2 and 6 p.m. on 8 April, two twin-engine planes left the field. About
8 p.m. on 21 April, a twin-engine and a four-engine plane landed at the field
in short succession. 4 There was flying from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 22 April.
- 25X1 8. [redacted]
- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. An air transport regiment and probably transport and courier
planes of the GOPG are stationed at Schoenefeld airfield which is also used
by commercial airlines.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the
plane is a light transport of type An-2. However, the two wings of this type of
plane are not braced by V but I struts.
- 25X1 3. [redacted]
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The type of this four-engine plane cannot be determined. Re-
ference is made in this connection to a four-engine plane seen over Schoene-
feld in April 1953. [redacted] From photographs taken of this
craft it was believed to be a B-17.

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